

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2006**

REGENTS PRESENT: Ms. Lilia B. Escajeda, Chairman; Ms. Michele Fortunato, Vice Chairman; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester, Secretary; Mr. Frank O. Nelson; Mr. H. Bryan Poff; Mrs. Sharon Oeschger; Mr. Prenis O. Williams; and David C. Woodburn,

REGENT ABSENT: Mr. John D. Hicks

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven W. Jones, President; Mr. Terry Berg, Dean of Finance and Administrative Services; Mr. Victor Fite, Dean of Informational Systems & Technology; Dr. Brad Johnson, Dean of College Advancement; Dr. Paul Matney, Vice President and Dean of Instruction; Mrs. Damaris Schlong, Dean of Workforce & Economic Development; Ms. Shalandys Anderson, representing KAMR-TV (Channel 4); Mr. Craig Baker, representing KAMR-TV (Channel 4); Mr. Jeff Barger, Marketing Assistant, College Relations; Mrs. Lori Merriman, Executive Secretary, President's Office; Mr. Brad Newman, representing the *Amarillo Globe News*; Mr. Clay Oats, representing KVII-TV (Channel 7); Ms. Ellen Robertson, Director of Communications; and Mrs. Brenda Sadler, Executive Assistant, President's Office and Assistant Secretary to the Board of Regents

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Escajeda, Chairman. Dr. Woodburn gave the invocation.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mrs. Brenda Sadler administered the oath of office to Prenis O. Williams. He was declared duly sworn in to serve on the Amarillo Junior College District Board of Regents until May 2008. On behalf of the Board of Regents, Ms. Escajeda welcomed Mr. Williams.

CONSIDERATION OF THE TAX RATE FOR 2006:

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.04 of the Texas Property Tax Code, the Randall County Tax Assessor/Collector published a legal notice on August 10, 2006, stating that the effective tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2006 is \$0.15411 per \$100 of assessed value. The rollback rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2006 published in the legal notice is \$0.16369 per \$100 of assessed value.

Section 26.05 of the Property Tax Code requires a taxing unit to hold two public hearings on a tax rate if the recommended tax rate for the year exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate. The recommended tax rate is \$0.16043.

Mr. Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Forrester, that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.16043. **THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$1.71.** The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jones added that this is the same tax rate established for the 2004 and 2005 tax years.

SET THE DATE TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2006 AND SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2006:

Mr. Poff moved, seconded by Dr. Woodburn, to set the dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 18 and August 21, 2006 at 12:00 noon in the Palo Duro Room of the College Union Building on the Washington Street Campus and to set the date to adopt the 2006 tax rate for August 29, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Palo Duro Room of the College Union Building, Washington Street Campus. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Carroll Mack Forrester, Secretary